

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

The weighing device 12 in this example comprises a plate (shown in figures 1 and 2) on which a cup 12' or the like (i.e., product container 12') can be placed (see Fig. 2). The plate is mounted on a load-cell (hidden from view and known in itself), e.g. a slotted aluminium bar provided with one or more, e.g. four, strain gauges. The change in resistance of the strain gauges is measured and fed, via an amplifier, and optionally a low pass filter, into the computer in the door 8 of the apparatus and processed (e.g. filtered). In practice, an accurate measurement may require several seconds, during which interval the influence of vibrations in the apparatus itself or from external sources is filtered out.